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CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WITH THE TROOPS STATIONED IN THE AFRICAN PROTECTORATES ADMINISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

1. THE Protectorates in which the troops are stationed are—

The British Central Africa Protectorate;
The East Africa Protectorate;
Uganda;
The Somaliland Protectorate.

2. The troops are—

1st and 2nd Battalion, Central Africa Regiment;
3rd Battalion, East Africa Rifles;
4th Battalion, Uganda Regiment;
5th Battalion (Indian), Uganda Regiment;
6th (Somaliland) Battalion;

which, on and after January 1st, 1902, will be known together as "The King's African Rifles," 1st to 6th Battalions.

3. Officers applying for service should address their application to the War Office. They will, when selected, be posted to the battalion in which there are vacancies at the time, but any wish they may have expressed for a particular battalion will be respected so far as the exigencies of the service permit. Officers are liable, whilst serving, to be transferred from one battalion to another.

4. Officers will be seconded for three years, with option of extension to five years, in the event of its being considered desirable to retain their services, the first year being "on probation." Officers will be liable to removal from the King's African Rifles on the completion of one year's service, or earlier, if considered unfitted for employment with native African troops.

5. Appointments will be to the post of subaltern (and in occasional exceptional cases to that of company commander) with consolidated pay at the rate of 400*l.* per annum, and no allowances.

6. Officers will rank in their battalion, and in the King's African Rifles, according to the date of their appointments to or promotion in the King's African Rifles. If two or more officers are appointed on the same date, their seniority will be governed by their respective army rank.

7. Promotion to the command of companies—pay 500*l.* per annum—will be by seniority, provided the officer has earned thoroughly satisfactory reports.

8. Promotions to Commandant and Second in Command—pay, 900*l.* and 700*l.* respectively—will be by selection.

9. Officers of the King's African Rifles are entitled to leave of absence in accordance with the General Regulations which may be in force for the time being in the several Protectorates, provided that, in the event of an officer being invalided home as the result of wounds or illness contracted whilst in the Protectorate service, he may, after receiving the leave earned under those Regulations by residence in the Protectorate at Protectorate rate of pay, be granted an extension of leave with full pay at regimental rates for such period as the Medical authorities in England may recommend up to a maximum of eighteen months, inclusive of the period of ordinary leave preceding the extension.

10. Passage to and from stations in Africa are granted subject to the Regulations in force in the various Protectorates, provided that, when an officer is invalided as the result of active service in the field, he will receive full passage from and back to the Protectorate.

11. The uniform and equipment of the King's African Rifles for officers, which must be taken by all officers appointed to a battalion, is as follows :—

Helmet : Egyptian pattern, khahi pugaree.
Fez : black, with black tassel.
Jacket : khaki ; "general service officers" pattern. Khaki drill for field service and full dress.
Trousers and Breeches : khaki drill.
Puttis : dark blue.
Boots : brown shooting.

Equipment.

Regulation Sam Browne belt.
Khaki haversack.
Khaki lanyard for revolver.
Khaki drill-covered water bottle.
Field-glasses in brown leather cases (slung by strap, not fixed to Sam Browne belt).
On service, company officers carry rifles.

Mess Dress. (Hot Weather.)

White drill mess jacket. (Shape as dinner jacket.)
White trousers, white canvas boots or shoes.
Black tie.
Black cummerband.
Shirts made to be starched, or soft (white), with turned-down collar.

Mess Dress. (Cold Weather.)

Mess Jacket : scarlet, cashmere or other light cloth, rolled collar ; collar, cuffs, and shoulder straps to be of Royal blue cloth ; the Tudor Crown and Royal cypher to be worn on the lappet of the jacket.
Waistcoat : Royal blue, with "King's African Rifles" regimental buttons, three in number.
Trousers : Regulation—as for infantry (not Scottish or Rifle).

NOTE.—The above Regulation respecting cold weather mess dress does not apply to officers of the 5th Battalion. Nor are officers of the other battalions compelled to obtain this mess dress ; they may wear the mess dress of their Corps ; but those officers who wish to obtain the mess dress of the "King's African Rifles" must conform to the pattern as above laid down. Officers of the 2nd Battalion who have provided themselves with the pattern of mess dress hitherto in use in that battalion may continue to wear the same until it is worn out ; but after the 1st October, 1902, all officers, if required to provide themselves with mess dress, will conform to the new pattern as above laid down.

12. *Tents and Camp Equipage.*—All officers are required to take with them their ordinary camp equipage.

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